

REMARKS

Initially, applicants would like to express their appreciation to the Examiner for discussing the present application with applicants' representative on July 20, 2005. During the interview, applicants' representative explained how the claimed invention permits a subscriber of a telecommunications service to update profile data. Applicants' representative agreed to amend the claims to clarify this limitation. Applicants' representative also explained the claimed system architecture. The Examiner referred to MAJMUDAR et al. Applicants' representative stated that he would further review that patent.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 8, 13, and 14 as being anticipated by FISHER et al. The Examiner rejected claims 5 and 6 as being unpatentable over FISHER et al. The Examiner rejected claims 3 and 4 as being unpatentable over FISHER et al. in view of LIN et al. The Examiner rejected claim 7 as being unpatentable over FISHER et al. in view of REMILLARD. The Examiner rejected claims 9 - 12 as being unpatentable over FISHER et al. in view of MAJMUDAR et al. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants submit that claims 1 and 9 require the ability to permit a subscriber to modify his telecommunications service data. Moreover, the claims require a server (which is not part of the telecommunication network) to communicate with the telecommunications network, e.g., a service control point, via an intermediate system, such as an SMS or SPACE. The language of claim 1 "the server . . . forwarding subscriber updates of the profile data from the client to the telecommunications network via the at least one intermediate system" is illustrative of how the claim defines the server as being outside the telecommunications network.

In contrast, although MAJMUDAR et al. disclose subscriber updating of telephone features, the system requires the subscriber to connect directly to a switch of the telecommunications network, such as an ISDN AT&T 5ESS. Such a system is different from the claimed system, at least because the claims require a server that is not part of the telecommunications network, the server forwarding data to the telecommunications network.

The other applied references do not supply the deficiencies of MAJMUDAR et al. Consequently, it is requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 1 and 9.

New claims 15 and 16 do not add any prohibited new matter. They are supported, *inter alia*, by pages 14 and 20 of the specification.

Dependent claims 2 – 8, and 10 - 16 are also believed to recite further patentable subject matter of the invention and therefore are also believed allowable over the prior art. As such, allowance of the dependent claims is deemed proper for at least the same reasons noted for the independent claims, in addition to reasons related to their own recitations. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and an indication of the allowability of all of the claims in the present application.

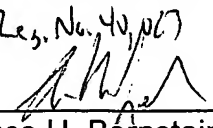
The above amendments have been presented merely for the purpose of clarification, and not to overcome the applied prior art. Accordingly, no estoppel is deemed to result from any of the present amendments.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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